Video Software Dealers Association et al v. Schwarzenegger et al

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Plaintiffs Video Software Dealers Association and Entertainment Software Association respectfully submit this Notice of Supplemental Authority to notify the Court of an Order issued by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana on August 24, 2006. This Order preliminarily enjoined enforcement of a Louisiana state law that would have imposed criminal fines and imprisonment on persons who sold or rented to minors certain "violent video games," as defined by the statute in question. *Entertainment Software Ass'n, et al. v. Foti*, No. 06-cv-00431 (M.D. La. August 24, 2006). The Court held, *inter alia*, that the statute violated the First Amendment, that it was void for vagueness, and that enforcement of the law would cause irreparable harm.

Specifically relevant to the motions for summary judgment pending in the instant case, the Foti Court held that the "social science evidence" in the legislative record in support of the statute in question is "much of the same evidence [that] has been considered by numerous courts and in each case the connection [between violent video games and harm to minors] was found to be tenuous and speculative." Order, p. 16 (citing Entertainment Software Ass'n v. Hatch, __ F. Supp. 2d __ WL 216302 (D. Minn. 2006); Interactive Digital Software Ass'n v. St. Louis County, 329 F.3d 958 (8th Cir. 2003); Entertainment Software Ass'n v. Blagojevich, 404 F. Supp. 2d 1051, 1073 (N.D. III. 2005); Entertainment Software Ass'n v. Granholm, 426 F. Supp. 2d 646, 652-53 (E.D. Mich. 2006); Video Software Dealers Ass'n v. Schwarzenegger, 401 F. Supp. 2d 1034, 1046 (N.D. Cal. 2005); Video Software Dealers Ass'n v. Maleng, 325 F. Supp. 2d 1180, 1188-89 (W.D. Wash. 2004); American Amusement Mach. Ass'n v. Kendrick, 244 F.3d 572, 578-79 (7th Cir. 2001)).

The Court also held that the statute in question is unconstitutionally vague, as "video producers and retailers will be forced to guess at the meaning and scope of the Statute, and may 'respond by either self censoring or otherwise restricting access to any potentially offending video game title." Order, pp. 25-26 (quoting *Granholm*, 426 F. Supp. 2d at 656; and citing *Blagojevich*, 404 F. Supp. 2d at 1077).

1	A true and correct copy of this Order is attached hereto for the Court's convenience.	
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